(c) what 'aclion the Government of India have taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI *K.* NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Bangladesh has claimed the New Moore island.

(c) India has furnished to Bangladesh the data which establish India's ownership of New Moore island. Bangladesh has not responded to, or controverted tie data.

Finalisation of Defence deals

3613. SHRIMATI BUOY CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the total number of defence deals finalised during 1985—87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATH): For the modernisation of the Armed Forces, various defence deals are concluded including import of sophisticated weapon systems when these are not readily available in adequate quantities through indige. nous sources. However, it will not be in the national interest to divulge information regarding details of various defence deals.

Projects in Andhra Pradesh delayed for want of clearance

3614. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY; Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to stale:

(a) what are the details of the projects in Andhra Pradesh which have been delayed for want of clearance from the Central Government;

(b) what it the cost escalation on account of such delay;

(c) what are the main reasons for delay in clearance of those projects; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to clear such projects?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (d) Requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Grant of ex-gratia payment to widows of railway employees

3615. SHRI M. VINCENT; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state-

fa) whether the decision on part II of the Fourth Pay Commissions Report regarding the grant of ex-gratia payment to the widows of deceased employees covered by the CPF scheme has been implemented ie the Ministry of Railways;

(b) whether this also covers widows of the railway employees who had officiated on non-pensianble posts and retired of died before 1st January, 1964;

(c) if so, what arc the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the *tage at which the matter stands at present'. '

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI); (a) to *(d)* Fourth Central Pay Commission has recommended that widows and dependent children of deceased Central Government employees coverd by the Contributory Provident Fund Scheme getting pay upto Rs. 500|- per mensem may be granted ex-gratia payment at Rs. 15t)|- per month. the eligibility of widows and minor children for this purpose being the same as laid down under the Pension Rules. The recommendation is unde, - consideration °f the Government.

Promotions of Naval Officers

3616. SHRI ASHOK NATH VHRMA: Will fine Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to st'ate:

(a) what was the number of promotions of naval officers considered from Com-